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9. The method of claim 1, wherein the controlled environment comprises a vacuum chamber.

10. The method of claim 4, wherein the polar liquid is an aqueous liquid.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the condensate consists essentially of water.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the condensate is selected from the group consisting of acetone, methanol, ethanol, liquid carbon dioxide, butanol, or a combination thereof.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the condensate comprises a fluorocarbon.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the article is nonwoven fibrous web.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the nonwoven fibrous web comprises microfibers.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the microfibers are melt blown.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein the meltblown microfibers comprise polypropylene, poly-(4-methyl-1-pentene) or a combination thereof.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the controlled environment further comprises a liquid, and the method further comprises

altering a first property of the environment such that at least a portion of the liquid evaporates into the atmosphere;

altering a second property of the environment such that the vapor condenses on the surface of the article.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the first property is selected from the group consisting of pressure, volume or temperature, or a combination thereof, and wherein the second property is selected from the group consisting of pressure, volume or temperature, or a combination thereof.

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20. The method of claim 19, wherein the first property comprises pressure and the second property comprises pressure.

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21. The method of claim 19, wherein the first property comprises volume and the second property comprises volume.

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22. The method of claim 1, wherein the electret exhibits persistent electric charge, wherein the dielectric article comprises a nonconductive polymeric material, and wherein the condensate comprises a polar liquid.

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23. A filter comprising the electret of claim 16.

24. A respirator comprising the filter of claim 23.

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